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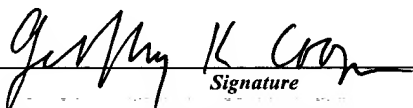
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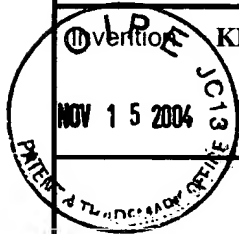
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Applicant submits the following in response to the office Action of September 29, 2004.

**Claim Rejections—35 USC §102(b)**

Claims 44, 45, 51, and 52 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Swartwood, U.S. Patent No. 5,979,522. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.